

From: [Kaplan, Sheila](#)
To: [Gray, David](#)
Subject: Re: Clarification - EPA Hurricane Harvey
Date: Monday, September 25, 2017 3:09:05 PM

I'd like to find out what you learned about the water and the sediment, if you took tests. What numbers did you get of the various things you were testing for. and what did you test for?
Thanks, SK

On Mon, Sep 25, 2017 at 2:20 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Sheila,

I probably need a bit more information on what you are looking to obtain before answering your question with any accuracy. What do you mean by 'actual results'?

David

From: Kaplan, Sheila [mailto:sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
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David,

Can I get the actual results, or do I need to file a FOIA? If so, which office should I file the FOIA to, regional or DC. Thank you,

Sheila Kaplan

On Sun, Sep 24, 2017 at 4:16 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

It appears that FEMA combined information from our original submission in its summary release on Friday that has created some confusion in reporting. I wanted to share this clarification with you.

We wrote:

Hurricane Harvey Texas Response and Recovery

EPA and TCEQ First 30 Days Roll-Up of Actions (EPA fully integrated with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Unified Command to support these actions.)

- *Drinking Water Assessments:*
 - *625 on-site drinking water assessments completed*
- *Waste Water Assessments:*
 - *441 on-site waste water assessments completed*
- *517 orphan containers recovered for proper storage*
- *43 National Priorities List Superfund Sites assessments completed*

FEMA wrote:

*The **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**, working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, completed 625 drinking water assessments and 441 waste water assessments. The agency conducted assessments of 43 Superfund sites and recovered 517 containers of unidentified, potentially hazardous material.*

You can read our latest update from Friday Sept 22 on our website at www.epa.gov/hurricane-harvey. We have also released the latest on Superfund sites and many individual site summaries.

Regarding orphan containers. EPA and our response partners have been collecting containers orphaned after the hurricane. We have been reporting these activities. Here is a copy of that update. [These are not related to Superfund clean ups.](#)

Reconnaissance/Orphan Containers: The TCEQ continues to lead in monitoring facilities that have reported spills. Unified Command has completed reconnaissance activities associated with hurricane impacts. Orphan containers, which include drums and tanks, found floating in or washed up near waterways continue to be gathered, sorted and grouped by type, prior to shipping them off for safe, proper treatment and disposal. All

branches of the Unified Command have collected over 980 orphan containers. The Unified Command is preparing collected oil and hazardous materials for proper disposal. Disposal should be completed within the next three weeks. USCG and Texas General Land Office will continue to complete Vessel Recovery activities.

Best,

David

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